

materials industry, Billy helped establish the bipartisan Congressional Recycling Caucus in 2004 to educate lawmakers regarding the economic and environmental benefits of recycling. Billy helped draft and enact the bipartisan RECYCLE Act, the first standalone piece of recycling legislation in history providing funding for public education and awareness programs to improve our country's recycling system. From 2004 to 2008, Billy also served as a judge of the White House Federal Recycling Initiative "Closing-the-Loop" Awards Program.

Billy has a proven record of helping members understand the importance of the recycling industry through Washington and district fly-ins, one-on-one meetings with congressional offices, and more. In 2021, his achievements led to his recognition by the National Institute for Lobbying and Ethics as one of the top 100 lobbyists in America for his demonstrated commitment to give back to the community and profession while adhering to the highest ethical standards.

Billy accepted this award along with several distinguished alumni including: Bryan K. Blinson—College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; Dr. Philip Snider—College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; Turan Duda—College of Design; Johnny L. Crow—College of Education; Quint M. Barefoot—College of Engineering; Dan Pleasant—College of Engineering; Mark Wyatt—College of Engineering; Amir S. Mehr—Poole College of Management; Kenneth O. Summerville—College of Natural Resources; Nora Ann Gardner—College of Sciences; Brian L. McMurray—Wilson College of Textiles; Sarah J. Ewing—College of Veterinary Medicine. John C. Borden was awarded the Ronnie Shavlik Award. Other awards were presented to Kevin M. Kroeger—Outstanding Young Alumnus; John F. Tesh Jr.—Award of Merit; and Ben Kinney—Meritorious Service Award.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to congratulate and recognize Billy as well as all the other Evening of the Stars award recipients for their outstanding accomplishments. They have all made—and continue to make—Wolfpack Nation proud.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF COLONEL PETER J. WEINA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 23, 2022

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Colonel Peter J. Weina, PhD, MD, FACP, FIDSA upon his retirement from the Office of Research Protections at the Defense Health Agency. Colonel Weina has served for 45 years in various federal capacities, and his dedicated service will be sorely missed.

Colonel Weina joined the United States Army right out of high school and completed both a bachelor's and a master's degree in zoology at the University of Wisconsin Madison. As a second lieutenant, he completed a Ph.D. in pathology and parasitology, also at UW Madison. After four years at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR), he entered medical school at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences. Mr. Weira then completed an internship and residency in internal medicine at Tripler Army Medical Cen-

ter and a fellowship in infectious diseases at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Colonel Weina, a board-certified doctor in both internal medicine and infectious diseases, also holds a Certificate of Knowledge in clinical tropical medicine and travelers' health. From his time as Chief of Pharmacology at WRAIR and subsequently as Director of Viral Diseases, to his fellowships with the American College of Physicians and the Infectious Diseases Society of America, Colonel Weina has proven himself a competent leader and a measured presence in the medical field.

Over his illustrious career, Colonel Weina has published over 70 articles in peer-reviewed journals, five chapters in books, and two books of his own. He has worked to expand the availability and licensure of intravenous Artesunate, the first new anti-malarial drug since the advent of quinine over 300 years ago. In 2020, this life-saving treatment was licensed by the Food and Drug Administration.

Colonel Weina formerly headed the only College of American Pathologists-accredited leishmania diagnostics laboratory in the world. He has received numerous awards for his work, including the Federal CDC Silo Buster's Collaborative Award of Excellence in 2008, the Colonel George W. Hunter III Certificate in 2011, and the Bronze Star for Service. Colonel Weina's accolades extend far beyond these, as many have recognized his courage, passion, and dedication to bettering his community. He has combined the opportunity to serve his country with the chance to advance our medical knowledge and capabilities, and our nation is better off for his efforts.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Colonel Peter J. Weina for his 45 years of service to the United States. His contributions to our Nation are innumerable and his impact has been felt by countless Americans. He has been an inspiration and a mentor to the next generation of health professionals, and I wish him the best in his retirement and may happiness and success find him in all future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUSS FULCHER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 23, 2022

Mr. FULCHER. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 544, S. 989.

RECOGNIZING LT. COL. ERIC VAN DE HEY

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 23, 2022

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a lifetime of service to the American people by Lieutenant Colonel Eric Van De Hey.

Lt. Col. Van De Hey is retiring after 35 years of selfless service to the United States. Since enlisting in 1987, he has dedicated his career in the U.S. Army to serving both his fel-

low soldiers and the United States. First and foremost, he has been a leader to many young soldiers, as he has trained soldiers at all levels of responsibility. He utilized his strong leadership skills while leading tactical platoons, strategic detachments, and serving in federal agencies. During his time in the Army, Lt. Col. Van De Hey served valiantly in many conflicts and missions including Operation Just Cause, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Desert Shield, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. For his service he earned numerous awards and commendations including the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Valorous Unit Citation, the Meritorious Unit Citation, and the Combat Action Badge. His multiple deployments and awards are another clear example of his impressive dedication to serving our country.

Throughout his career, Lt. Col. Van De Hey has played a significant role in ensuring the safety of our troops while leading our military into the next generation of warfighting. As the Executive Officer in charge of Test Parachutists, he ensured that Army parachutes were safe and reliable for our service members. Lt. Col. Van De Hey was also responsible for overseeing great technological advancements for the military, such as research into self-driving cars and the use of satellite images to monitor humanitarian crises. It is evident through these accolades that Lt. Col. Van De Hey has committed his career to serving the United States of America and the Army.

As Lt. Col. Van De Hey returns to private life, it is my honor to recognize his years of service in the United States military. I invite all members of this body to join me in congratulating Lt. Col. Eric Van De Hey and his family on his retirement. Our Nation is safer because of Lt. Col. Van De Hey's unwavering service and commitment to his country.

RECOGNIZING THE 2022 PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL'S SEEFELDT AWARDEES

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 23, 2022

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2022 Prince William County Arts Council's Seefeldt Awardees. These Awards for Arts Excellence were established nearly two decades ago in honor of Kathleen Kenna Seefeldt, a former Chairwoman of the Prince William Board of County Supervisors. These awards recognize and celebrate the artists, art organizations, volunteers, educators, and businesses that build upon the foundation in which Ms. Seefeldt's legacy of supporting the cultural arts.

Kathleen Seefeldt moved to Prince William County in 1970 and her deep love for her newfound community inspired her to run for office. She was elected to the Board and served as the Occoquan District Supervisor for fifteen years before being elected the first at-large chair of the Board in 1991. Her two terms as chair led to Prince William County's economic and cultural growth, and her emphasis on incorporating the arts has helped Prince William become the thriving community it is today.

This honorary award in her name celebrates the many artistic achievements in Prince William County. This year's honorees have done